# **Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot (Uniformed Services or Overseas Voters)**

- 1. Ballot(s) must be marked with blue or black ink.
- 2. Mark your choices by filling in the box beside the candidate's name.
- 3. Marked ballot(s) cannot be shown to any other person.
- 4. Marked ballot(s) must be sealed inside the **BALLOTS** envelope.
- 5. The **Declaration** envelope must be filled out completely and signed by the voter.
- 6. The BALLOTS envelope must be sealed inside the Declaration envelope.
- 7. The Declaration envelope (with the BALLOTS envelope sealed inside) must be sealed inside the **Outer Envelope**.

## Return your Voted Ballot(s) by Mail:

Mail your ballot(s) to your County Election Board as soon as possible. Ballot(s) must be transmitted by United States mail or by a private mail or parcel delivery service.

## Return your Voted Ballot(s) by Fax:

You may fax your voted ballot(s) to your County Election Board or to the Oklahoma State Election Board. You may obtain a fax cover sheet for your ballot(s) from a Voting Service Officer or you may download and print one from the Federal Voter Assistance Program website: www.fvap.gov

- 1. If a ballot is larger than 8 ½-by-11 inches, make a photocopy to reduce it to fit an 8 ½ -by-11-inch page.
- 2. Fill out and sign the fax cover sheet.
- 3. Fill out and sign the Declaration envelope you received with your absentee ballot(s).
- 4. Fax the cover sheet, the Declaration envelope, and the ballot(s) to your County Election Board.
- 5. To find your County Election Board fax number, please click on the link below or scan the QR code:



https://www.fvap.gov/search-offices?state=36

6. If you don't have access to a fax machine, please call the FVAP at 1-800-438-8683.

For more information, visit www.fvap.gov/oklahoma or www.elections.ok.gov

#### **Make Your Vote Count!**

Vote and return your absentee ballot(s) by mail or fax soon after you receive it. Your ballot(s) **must be received** by your County Election Board **by 7 p.m. on election day** (Oklahoma time) for it to be counted. A postmark on election day does NOT suffice.

#### Warning

Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes provides that any person shall be deemed guilty of a **felony** who:

- Votes more than once at any election.
- Willfully votes in an election that they know they are not eligible to vote in.
- Knowingly votes and/or submits an absentee ballot issued to another person.
- Swears or affirms a false affidavit.
- Knowingly perpetuates fraud in connection with an election.
- Offers, solicits or knowingly accepts something of value intended to influence votes directly or indirectly.

The following Ballot Harvesting activities are unlawful: [Title 26 O.S., Section 14-101.1]

- Collecting an absentee ballot from another person with the intent to return the ballot on behalf of that person or,
- Submitting an absentee ballot on behalf of another person or,
- Requesting or receiving an absentee ballot on behalf of another person, or partially or fully completing an application for an absentee ballot on behalf of another person without that person's prior consent, or
- Notarizing or witnessing more absentee ballots than allowed by law.

Any person deemed guilty of a felony under the provisions of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall, upon conviction, be confined in the State Penitentiary for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both. [Title 26 O.S., Section 16-101]